

**In the Specification**

**IN THE DESCRIPTION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

"Referring now to ~~Figures Figure 4 to 7~~, the meso-bar 6 has substantially the same shape as the connecting bar 4 (as better seen in Figure 1) and comprises a fore part 16 and two opposite rear ends 18, 20. The meso-bar 6 is provided with a set of support points 12 for supporting the iso-bar 8. The iso-bar 8 is also provided with a set of support points 13 (as shown in Figure ~~11~~ 4). The support points 12, 13 define an anterior and a posterior support point on each side of the meso-bar 6 and the iso-bar 8. The meso-bar 6 is also provided with a plurality of fixation holes 28 and is rigidly attached onto the connecting bar 4 with at least four fasteners 14, possibly five or six, inserted and secured in the fixation holes 28. For example, screws may be used to do so. If needed, other convenient fixation holes may be drilled in the meso-bar 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to ~~figures 8 to 11~~ Figure 6, the iso-bar 8 preferably has a shape that is complementary to that of the meso-bar 6, and in fact preferably has a hollow shape, and is provided with a fore part 22 and two opposite rear ends 24, 26. As mentioned previously, the iso-bar 8 is preferably hollow and has a predetermined size and depth to receive the meso-bar 6 therein (as shown in Figure ~~11~~ 6).